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Subject: concerns about Microsoft case

Hello,

I am writing to voice my concern with and disapproval of the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial.

I do not believe that the current settlement will do enough to prevent Microsoft from continuing to abuse their monopoly position in the operating systems market. I fear that if this abuse is not stopped, that Microsoft will use this power to unfairly leverage themselves into other sectors of computers and technology in general. They have already done this with their Internet Explorer browser. I was a steadfast Netscape user until Microsoft started to disregard the HTML standards, and build incompatibilities with Netscape. As a result, many web sites have been designed with Explorer and this non-standard HTML code in mind, causing Netscape to render these pages either incorrectly or not at all.

The current settlement proposal does not come close to recouping the illegal gains that Microsoft has made from consumers. I am in favor of a settlement that, at the least, opens the Windows operating system and Office suite APIs (application programmer interfaces) and file formats.

Sincerely,

Luke Fowler